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Team Hickam receives the Outdoor Circles 2004 Beautification Award for best tree setting

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Photo by Mike Bates

K-9 Borris of Misawa Air Base, Japan shows he means business as his handler Staff Sgt. Steven Redmond holds him back during the Controlled Aggression phase during the Pacific Air Forces Military Dog competition. The team took first place in the phase, second overall.

PACAF dogs have their day

By Staff Sgt. Celena Wilson
15th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Lots of barking, growling and biting took place at the Hickam softball complex Saturday.

No, it wasn't the latest softball tournament, but the wrap-up events of the inaugural Pacific Air Forces Military Working Dog Competition.

Seven teams from six PACAF bases competed in six different phases in areas in which all MWD are proficient during the three-day competition around Hickam.

"Each installation within PACAF selected a dog team, a handler and dog, by their determination is the best representative to compete in the PACAF MWD competition," said Tech. Sgt. Robert Brown, PACAF Security Forces MWD program manager.

On the first day of competition, teams were put to the test of explosive and narcotics detections in two separate events.

"Explosive and drug training aids were concealed in various locations at Hickam Base Library and the Mobile Processing Center," Sergeant Brown said. "Teams were given 30 minutes to find the training aids and clear the area."

The 15th Security Forces Squadron team of Staff Sgt. Harold Gardner and his dog Ogar took first place in the Explosive Detection with the 15th SFS team of Staff Sgt. Thomas Burns and K-9 Barry taking top honors in the Narcotics Detection phase.

For the second day of competition, the teams competed in an area search at Base X, searching for decoys hidden within the defined boundaries.

"When the enemy was located, the MWD team needed to decide on their mode of apprehension based on the actions of the enemy," Sergeant Brown said.

Staff Sgt. Willie Harrell and dog Emo, Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, won the area search phase with Sergeant Burns and Barry placed third.

For the fourth event of the competition, a building search of the old noncommissioned officers' club gave teams the opportunity to locate, challenge and apprehend one or more suspects within the building.

The Yokota Air Base, Japan, team of Staff Sgt. Matthew Claxton and K-9 Elra reigned supreme with Hickam's Sergeant Burns and Barry, taking runner up.

On the final day of competition teams had to maneuver the obedience and obstacle course.

"Six obstacles were set up at the Hickam softball

complex to test the mobility and agility of the dogs and their handlers," Sergeant Brown said. "Obstacles ranged from a tunnel, an A-Frame, hurdles and an off-set catwalk."

Sergeant Claxton and Elra won their second consecutive phase with Hickam's Sergeant Gardner and Ogar coming in second.

For the final competition the dogs were given the chance to protect their handler in various passive and aggressive situations in the controlled aggression competition. One or more of the decoys made aggressive gestures toward the dog in an effort of test their courage and their obedience level to their handler.

Staff Sgt. Steven Redmond and K-9 Borris, Misawa Air Base, Japan, won the last competition of the event.

Sergeant Claxton and Elra were named 'Top Dog' of the competition, with Sergeant Redmond and Borris coming in second and Hickam's Sergeant Burns and dog Barry taking the bronze.

The top three teams will advance to the Department of Defense World Wide K-9 competition in San Antonio, Texas, later this year.

The selections were based on their overall scores for the competition.



Take a short walk in the sunshine to build a safety conscious culture

By Lt. Col. Jeff Spear
15th Airlift Wing Safety chief

The "101 Critical Days of Summer" begins Monday and wings across the Air Force are reviewing mishap statistics from previous summers, setting goals for this summer and focusing on key safety issues in our continuous journey towards zero mishaps.

The 15th Airlift Wing Safety office is glad to report the wing's success in meeting all of 2003 summer safety goals – zero fatalities, zero Class A or B mishaps, and continuous efforts to build a safety conscious culture across Team Hickam.

Total reportable mishaps across the wing were down by 30 percent. While we should be proud of last summer's success, a review of Air Force-wide safety statistics clearly shows we cannot rest on our laurels.

Air Force-wide there were 36

summer fatalities, 30 percent more than 2002 – an alarming 90 percent increase over 2001. Most all of these fatalities, 97 percent, were off-duty mishaps, with 86 percent occurring in privately owned motor vehicles.

Speed, darkness and alcohol remained the top three factors in car and truck accidents, while speed, proficiency and darkness are still the top factors in motorcycle mishaps. Addressing these known risks over the past year, the wing successfully instituted a new motorcycle training contract with Leeward Community College, increasing both the timeliness and quality of our motorcycle safety training.

The wing's zero-tolerance policy for non-compliance with seatbelts or motorcycle PPE has been effective in driving our compliance rates up to 99 and 97 percent, respectively. Hoping the success of these training and enforcement programs leads to continued suc-

cess this summer, it is critical to realize individual safety responsibilities while building a safety conscious culture. Some of the biggest Hickam safety threats include driving off-base and water recreation; however, with the large amount of construction in progress across Hickam, on-base traffic flow and parking are also large concerns.

While spaces at Hickam have diminished, adequate parking still exists within short walking distances of our major work centers. Unfortunately, over the past few months, illegal and unsafe parking – especially in marked clear zones – has become widespread. We must all be careful not to allow our personal convenience to take priority over our collective safety.

Before parking in an unmarked location for the sake of expediency, ask yourself a few simple questions: Is this a legal parking spot? Am I hazarding other drivers or pedestrians by parking here? Is

there a safer parking spot within walking distance of my destination?

Following common-sense parking practices, such as maximizing the use of marked parking stalls, not parking in striped clear zones, avoiding on street parking when cars are already parked on the opposite side of the road and not parking within 15 feet of an intersection can greatly increase traffic visibility on base and thereby decrease the risks associated with our numerous construction projects.

As the summer approaches, strive to build a safety-conscious culture across Team Hickam. When the closest parking lot is full, take a short walk in the sunshine!

(Readers who notice a hazard caused by new construction or illegal parking are encouraged to contact the Wing Safety Office at 449-SAFE or our Dial-A-Hazard Line at 449- 0746).

Reflecting on my APA Heritage

By Capt. Joyce Johns
Asian Pacific American Heritage chairman

While preparing for this month of observance of the Asian Pacific American Heritage, I began to reflect back on my Filipino background.

I am the Chairman of Hickam's Asian Pacific American Heritage Council and I can't help but laugh sometimes when people ask me why we have an American as the chairperson. When I tell people that I am half Filipino (which makes me a Mestiza, or Haupa here in Hawaii) they don't believe me!

I don't look like the stereo-typical Filipino, as I'm 5'8" with light brown hair. People are blown away when they learn I was born in the Philippines, left then returned to attend middle and high school.

I am very thankful for being an Asian Pacific American. It's the little things that make me appreciate America. Living in the Philippines, we didn't have hot, let alone pottable water. We

took huge water jugs to the base to get water to drink and cook with. We didn't have a telephone to call a hospital or police in an emergency.

Poverty was all around us. Children and adults alike would beg from Americans or anyone who didn't look Filipino. Because of our 'American' appearance, whenever we'd visit family in Bataan, everyone in the town would follow us down the street as we walked to my Ate's home. They would hang around outside just so they could get a look at us because a lot of them have never seen an American before. It was always a strange experience, and I guess I know what a celebrity feels like.

The Philippines is a third world country where by their standards the poor are very poor and the rich are extremely rich.

I believe I am truly blessed to live in America where I have so many rights and freedoms. I'm even more fortunate to be in the best Air Force in the world and to have be exposed

to so many other people and cultures.

I wake up every morning in the comfort of a soft clean bed; not a cold, dirty floor. I drive to work in a nice vehicle; not having to walk miles or try to catch a crowded bus. I work in an office where the conditions are more than tolerable; not having to work in the fields sweating in the heat of the sun.

I go to lunch when I am hungry; not having to work through my hunger pains because my family needs the money. At the end of the day, I am able to pick up my son and go home to our comfortable home and relax and spend time with him; not having to rush to another job just to make ends meet so I can feed myself and family members.

When I returned stateside after leaving the Philippines, I realized I had taken so much for granted.

I cherish my Filipino background and everything it offered, but I am even more proud to be an Asian Pacific American.

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Going Fishing?

Airman First Class Renee Plante measures the whopping 10 1/2-inch fish caught by David Ries, son of Master Sergeant Ken Ries at the last years Annual Keiki Fishing Tournament. This year the Friends of Hickam is sponsoring the annual tournament June 10. The event is free for all Air Force children ages 5 - 12 and will be held at Ho'omaluhia Botanical Park in Kaneohe. Transportation will be provided by the wing. Children will enjoy free food, beverages and will be able to win prizes. Bring the completed application form to 15th Airlift Wing Public Affairs office or fax the application to 449-3017. For more information or forms, contact Bette Kalohi at 449-9386.

Tree-mendous: Team Hickam garners landscaping award

By Airman Ryan Simpson
Staff Writer

Team Hickam's Parade Mall garnered the Outdoor Circle's 2004 Beautification Award for Best Tree Setting.

The award was given at a ceremony May 19, recognizing Hickam for being a "Tree City" for six years and for displaying some of the most spectacular monkeypod and banyan trees.

Hickam's recognition is proof positive of the importance of having a plan and sticking to it, according to Wayne Iwamoto, 15th Civil Engineer Squadron landscape architect.

"From the initial development of Hickam Field in the mid 1930s, landscaping was planned and implemented," Mr. Iwamoto said. "This practice has continued with each new construction over the years to the present.

"The term 'Urban Forestry' applies to Hickam as more than 40,000 trees and palms thrive within the 2,738 acres creating a lush and tropical environment enjoyed by all who visit, work and live on Hickam," he said.

The Hickam Parade Mall was listed as Hickam's most impressive tree location, according to Outdoor Circle members.

The mall is a remarkable large open area with two stunning columns of weeping banyan of both sides and two rows of gorgeous royal palms that stretch through the middle of the quad, they said.

Hickam is a model for military communities across the country, the members said.

That opinion is shared by Col. John Medeiros, 15th Mission Support Group commander.

"Being recognized by the Outdoor Circle is extremely prestigious within Hawaii," Colonel Medeiros said.

"The Outdoor Circle has a tough and demanding opinion for the preservation of our environment.

"The forethought to plant trees for future generations combined with impeccable maintenance by dedicated Hickam personnel and leadership makes for the magnificent tree setting.

It's a dedication that thrives today, Colonel Medeiros said.

"My many thanks to Mark Aoyama, our Deputy Base Civil Engineer, base architect Bob Crone and Wayne Iwamoto, our landscape agronomist," he said. "They have the vision of the future, fostered by the successes of our past. Thank them for the beautiful installation we call Hickam."

Remembering the ultimate sacrifice Senior Leadership Memorial Day messages

Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James Roche and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper – WASHINGTON – The following is a Memorial Day message from Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper:

"This Memorial Day beckons us once again to remember and reflect on the selfless sacrifices of members of America's armed forces.

"While stories abound on the origins of the Memorial Day observance, one aspect remains abundantly clear – since it was first proclaimed officially in May 1868, Americans continue to enthusiastically honor the enormous sacrifices of all the service men and women who have paid the ultimate price for freedom, as well as thanking those who serve today.

"As the war on terror continues, our thoughts and prayers continue to be with our Airmen and their families. This year, we are more thankful than ever for your noble service, around the world and at home stations. America is forever indebted to you and your families for your commitment to the high calling of defending our nation.

"We encourage you to join us Monday at 3 p.m. local time to observe the National Moment of Remembrance

as America honors those who have served so honorably and bravely as uniformed members of the armed forces. A White House resolution in 2000 designated the National Moment of Remembrance as an opportunity for all Americans to commemorate the true meaning of Memorial Day by observing one minute of silence, driving with their headlights on or participating in another appropriate activity honoring our fallen veterans.

"We thank you for what you do every day for America and America's Air Force. You and your families are among our nation's greatest treasures and we are honored to serve with you.

"May God bless you and your service, and may God continue to bless America."

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald Murray – In our nation's capital, we memorialize American patriots who have fought and died for our country throughout history - the Korean War Memorial, the Vietnam Wall, Arlington National Cemetery, and the newest addition, the National World War II Memorial, which will be dedicated on our National Mall on May 29.

In small towns and big cities around our nation this Memorial Day,

Americans will gather around flagpoles and in cemeteries to remember the bravery of their neighbors, friends, and family members who have laid down their lives so that we may continue to fly the flag of freedom.

Our generation of Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Coast Guardsmen, and Airmen shares a bond with warriors of generations past. We, like them, understand in a personal way the unfortunate truth that there are times when blood must be spilled in order for peace to be secured. We, like them, know that the ultimate sacrifice may be required in order to defeat the darkness that threatens our way of life.

This Memorial Day, as America remembers the courage and commitment of heroes who died in service to our nation, we owe it to each of them to continue the fight for which they gave their lives, thus ensuring that America remains the Land of the Free and Home of the Brave."

Gen. Bill Begert, Pacific Air Forces commander – This Memorial Day, fellow citizens across our great nation will pause, reflect and remember America's Veterans who gave their lives in the defense of our country. Remembering those who paid the "ultimate sacrifice"

has even greater meaning in 2004 as our Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines continue to fight for peace, stability and ultimately freedom in Iraq.

Consider for a moment, generations of men and women and the enormity of their sacrifice – for most of us, the loss of even one soul is difficult to rationalize. Multiply this by the legion of Veterans who gave their lives and the act of honoring them adequately almost seems overwhelming. Arguably, there's no tribute that equals their sacrifice, but we are compelled to try.

The hardships and sacrifices associated with Operation Iraqi Freedom and the global war on terrorism remind us of the reason for Memorial Day. Though words cannot adequately diminish the pain of each loss, we can all take comfort in knowing the sacrifices of our comrades, both past and present, continue to secure our way of life and preserve our freedom. They've done their duty in the finest tradition, and now we must continue to do ours.

On this Memorial Day, pause in somber remembrance, and join uniformed men and women serving worldwide as we re-affirm our commitment to the cause for which our Veterans gave their final full measure.

Hickam Airman's Council leads by example

By Airman Ryan Simpson
Staff Writer

Airmen on Hickam have a council empowered to make a difference on base and in the local o'hana.

The Hickam Airman's Council, also known as ACES, acts as a singular voice for E-4s and below. Its focus is on the development of junior enlisted; who they are, their needs, concerns and morale.

The need for ACES is clear, according to Airman 1st Class Kevin Nolan, ACES president.

"There are two reasons to have the ACES. It gives Airmen a chance to work on their leadership skills by coordinating events. It also gives Airmen a voice about issues."

"Having the backing of hundreds of Airmen gives credibility as a voice to senior leadership," he said. "That is what makes the Airman's Council tick."

Council members are part of a focus group for the Enlisted Club, ensuring Airmen get to voice their feelings, opinions and ideas on things that pertain to their living environment.

ACES also provides guidance to Airmen who have problems as well as represent Airmen at the base level.

ACES is involved in many activities

and committees that allow junior enlisted to exercise, practice, and implement these skills and abilities to help further their roles in becoming supervisors.

ACES is a functioning tool for the 15th Airlift Wing, participating with other councils in coordinating events such as Order of the Sword fundraisers, the Pacific Air Forces Outstanding Airman of the Year Banquet, Adopt-A-Stream cleanups, and Habitat for Humanity.

Airman 1st Class Matthew Leventry, ACES member, spent his time volunteering during their week-end with Habitat for Humanity.

"It was a very rewarding experience to volunteer for Habitat for Humanity," Airman Leventry said. "We are helping the Lewis family build their home from the ground up, providing one with a sense of accomplishment."

"I have only been able to participate on two occasions, it amazes me how much was accomplished between my first and second visit," he said. "On my first visit back in January, there was only a cement slab marked with chalk lines representing their future."

"I was unable to return to the site until last weekend and was amazed how far the house had come. It had a roof, exterior walls, and the plumbing



Courtesy Photo

Airmen 1st Class Kevin Nolan, ACES president and Beth Alford, ACES public relations, paint themselves blue to represent Team Hickam Airmen's support of the Career Assistance Advisor during the wing commander's call May 18.

was hooked up," he said. "That day we covered the water and sewage lines, finished putting a primary coat of paint on the exterior and caulking the exterior."

"It is a great sense of accomplishment to see something come alive that you helped create with your own two hands."

ACES is currently working ideas for fundraisers and events to host.

The next council meeting is scheduled at the Community Center on June 1 at 3 p.m. and all Airman E-1 to E-4 are encouraged to attend.

"Airmen are a big part of the Air Force mission, and their voices are worth hearing," Airman Nolan said.



TEAM HICKAM

News Notes

HOSC Scholarship Awards – Thirteen students are recipients of scholarships awarded by the Hickam Officers' Spouses' Club (HOSC).

The HOSC awarded \$16,000 in scholarships at a luncheon May 18.

There were 23 applicants for 13 awards in three categories: High School Students, Continuing Education, and Graduate Students.

High School Students

Andrea Young received a \$2000 award. She is the daughter of Senior Master Sgt. Kevin and Sylvia Young. She attends Radford High School and plans to attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Cameron Cronin received a \$1,500 award. He is the son of Chief Master Sgt. Rian and Kathy Cronin. Cameron attends Radford High School and plans to attend the University of Texas at Austin.

Lesa Bowman received a \$1,200 award. She is the daughter of Col. Olen and Roberta Bowman. Lesa attends Hawaii Baptist Academy and plans to attend Baylor University.

Claire Yabes received a \$1,000 award. She is the daughter of Master Sgt. Joseph and Terri Yabes. Claire attends Radford High School and plans to attend the University of Notre Dame.

Amanda Updike received a \$1,000 award, sponsored by First Command Financial Planning. She is the daughter of Master Sgt. Scott and Kazuko Updike. Amanda attends Radford High School and plans to attend California State Polytechnic University in Pomona.

Channing-Marie Llana received an \$850 award. She is the daughter of Lloyd and Capt. Jo Ann Llana. Channing attends Moanalua High School and plans to attend Montana State University.

Derek Fox received a \$750 award. He is the son of Lt. Col. Dean and Jan Fox. Derek is home-schooled and plans to attend the University of Hawaii.

Matthew Talley received a \$700 award. He is the son of Chief Master Sgt. Charles and Jill Talley. Matthew is home-schooled and plans to attend Hawaii Pacific University.

Continuing Education

Lisa Wolverton received a \$2,000 award. She is the wife of Tech. Sgt. Scott Wolverton. She attends at University of Hawaii at Manoa.

Kassandra McBride received a \$1,500 award. She is the wife of Master Sgt. Weston McBride. She

attends Hawaii Pacific University.

John Galliano, Jr. received a \$1,200 award. He is the son of Chief Master Sgt. John and Robin Galliano, Sr. He attends Eastern Oregon University.

JaiCi Cochran received a \$800 award. She is the daughter of Maj. Jerry and Jodi Cochran. JaiCi attends Brigham Young University.

Graduate Students

Lisa Jarvis-Durham received a \$2,000 award. Lisa is the wife of Capt. Clifton Durham. She is pursuing a doctoral degree at Capella University.

HOSC scholarships are awarded annually. All applicants are given equal consideration and judged anonymously. Information regarding scholarships for 2005 will be available in the Base Library and the Education Office in December.

APAH cultural festival – The Asian Pacific American Heritage Cultural Festival is today on the Hickam Officers' Club lanai beginning at 6 p.m. The festival will feature the Chinese lions dance of Hawaii, Philippine cultural dance, Thailand cultural dance, Hawaii/Polynesian dance and Japanese Endo Taiko drummers.

Hawaii Top-3 Meeting – The Hawaii Top-3 is scheduled to hold their monthly meeting Wednesday at 3 p.m. at the Tradewinds Enlisted Club. For more information call Master Sgt. Glenn Taijeron, HT3 vice-president at 448-BLUE or Master Sgt. Rhonda Elliott, HT3 vice president of Publicity at 448-4605.

Housing office – Due to the personnel shortage in the Military Family Housing Office, customers are asked to make appointments prior to their visit. Make arrangements in advance to preclude extensive waiting times. For questions or to make an appointment, call the base housing office at 448-6550.

Volunteering in the community

For people who are interested in getting involved and lending a hand, there are many resources to consider from the American Red Cross and the United Way to homeless shelters and Human Services and even the Cat Rescue S.A.F.E. House on Hickam. Here's link to a website that can connect you with numerous agencies in need of volunteers in Hawaii: www.volunteerhawaii.org.

Base Facilities Refuse and Recycling – Dumpsters of various sizes are provided throughout the base for trash disposal. Certain dumpsters are designated for specific uses such as green waste, wood or metal. These dumpsters should only be used for disposing of the designated materials. The Base Recycling Center accepts the following materials from base facilities: paper (white, news, magazine), glass bottles and jars, plastic containers (#1 and 2), aluminum cans, cardboard and printer toner cartridges. The center also has provisions to accept wooden pallets, metals, appliances and propane tanks. Base facilities must arrange to have old A/C units purged before the center will accept them.

Free money for school: Team Hickam dependent wins DeCA \$1,500 scholarship

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Munsey
Kukini Editor

The cost for attending University of Hawaii – Manoa went down 75 percent next semester for Rayna Isaki, daughter of Army National Guard Staff Sgt. Art Isaki.

She was a local recipient of the Defense Commissary Agency's \$1,500 'money grows on trees' scholarship.

"One semester is usually about \$2,000," Ms. Isaki said. "This \$1,500 reduces my out-of-pocket cost to around \$500 for the upcoming semester."

And it's a scholarship that's much needed, she said.

"I'm paying my tuition myself from my savings and money from my job," she said. "The scholarship really helps a lot because tuition is always going up and every little bit helps."

"I really appreciate the (DeCa) generosity," Ms. Isaki said. "I will put it to good use."

Worldwide, 500 diligent students are receiving \$1,500 scholarships to apply toward college tuition this fall.

"We're thrilled to report that the scholarship pro-

gram is an enormous success in helping military families defray the costs of education," said Maj. Gen. Michael Wiedemer, DeCa director. "We're proud to be associated with a program that has awarded more than \$3 million to nearly 2,000 students since its inception in 2001."

The winners are selected based on academic merit, participation in extracurricular and volunteer activities, and the quality of their essays. Recipients are notified by letter.

The full list of scholarship recipients and sponsoring business partners is available online at: <http://www.militaryscholar.org>.

A record-breaking 7,000 students applied to the program in 2004, according to Edna Hoogewind, DeCa's program liaison.

The grade point average of the scholarship recipients is 3.8 – 3.9, and nearly all are members of the National Honor Society, an organization that recognizes students

who demonstrate academic excellence, leadership, character and a willingness to serve others.



Defense Commissary Agency scholarship recipient Rayna Isaki looks for the perfect orange at the Hickam commissary. Ms. Isaki received a \$1,500 scholarship that she will use at University of Hawaii – Manoa next semester.

Around the Air Force



U.S. AIR FORCE

Last Randolph T-38A simulator shut down – RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) – After 26 years of training thousands of pilots, the last full-motion T-38A Talon simulators here was retired.

The once state-of-the-art equipment is being replaced by virtual reality trainers designed to reproduce the cockpit of the new T-38C aircraft.

Ron Hamada, now a training manager at the Air Education and Training Command's directorate of operations, was involved in the installation of the first full-motion T-38A simulators in 1978.

As the mission progressed, the whole cockpit moved in response to the program and the student's stick inputs. Hydraulic cylinders, powered by a 75-horsepower engine and drawing from a 500-gallon oil storage tank in another room, moved the cockpit's platform. Each piston was capable of quickly extending as much as 56 inches.

The complexity of the system posed many operational and maintenance challenges, said Joe Rippke, 12th Operations Support Squadron's ground training flight program manager.

The new trainers are a lot smaller and are controlled by a personal computer capable of sophisticated animations to add realism and

training options. The instructor can even inject a "wingman" into the scenario to add the challenges of formation flying.

The conversion to T-38C aircraft here will be completed by August, so this is the time to install the new trainers, Mr. Rippke said. (Courtesy of AETC News Service)

NCO loses leg, doesn't miss a step – HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE, N.M. (AFPN) – He wishes he could be out on the flightline supporting the maintainers who work on F-117A Nighthawks, like he did before he lost his leg.

With his right leg amputated below the knee and using a prosthetic, his stump is still not strong enough to allow him much time there.

"I'm proud of my accomplishments so far, even though I'm not completely healed yet," said Senior Master Sgt. Robert Bates, 49th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron assistant superintendent here. "Throughout the day, I still have to take everything apart to give my stump a breather."

The doctor tried to save his leg by using arteries from his left leg and performing an operation to force blood through, Sergeant Bates said. Three days after the operation, blood flow still had not been restored.

Amputation was the only option, but he said he was not afraid of losing his leg.

Thanks to his prosthetic leg and physical therapy, Sergeant Bates has been able to do many of the things he has always loved.

His leg became infected a few weeks after the operation. His second operation, to remove the infected material, was in November.

Doctors have told him he should be fully recovered in four or five months, and he is considering retirement in November.

"Strength, a good personality, being very open-minded and [having] a strong religious background," have helped Sergeant Bates through his recovery, he said. Most of all, he said his friends and family have supported him. (Story by Laura Pellegrino, 49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs)

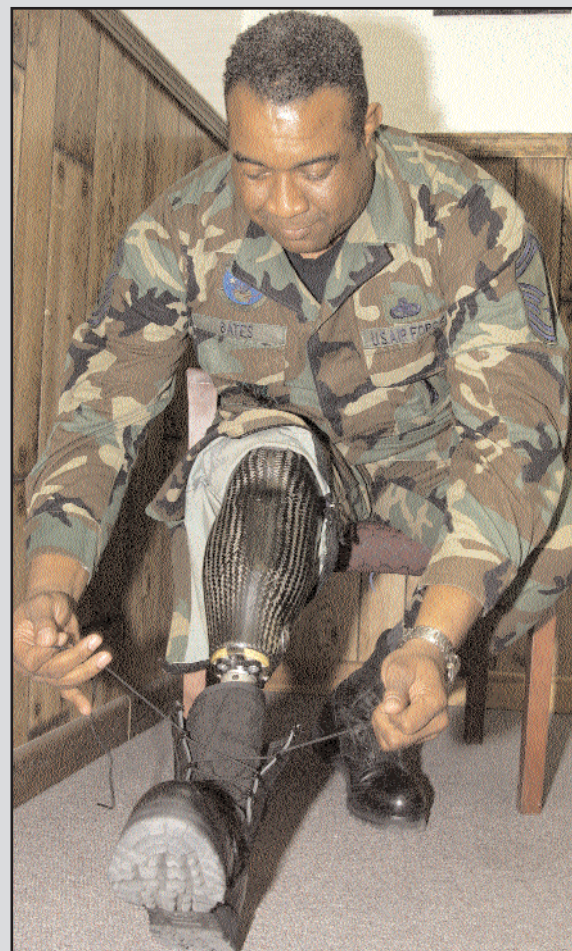


Photo by Laura Pellegrino

HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE, N.M. – Senior Master Sgt. Robert Bates ties his boots on his prosthetic leg. His leg was amputated below the knee because blood clots were causing his right foot to die. He is the assistant superintendent for the 49th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron at Holloman AFB.

CCAF graduates a force of 50

Hickam was awash in parchment paper as 50 enlisted, active duty Air Force men and women successfully completed all requirements for the Associates Degree in Applied Science from the Community College of the Air Force.

The graduation ceremony was held May 14 at the Hickam Tradewinds Enlisted Club with Brig. Gen .Toreaser A. Steele, Vice Commander of Headquarters Army and Air Force Exchange Service as the guest speaker.

Congratulations to the following CCAF graduates:

Willie Adams, Emily Aguilar, Robert Alberts, Francisco Alvarado, Elizabeth Babbini, Kara Bagby, Tamatha Barham, Lenora Baylor, Kenneth Beckstead, Robert Bolton, Roy Bonner, Timothy Bowling, Carrie Budner, Jeffrey Budner, Natasha Carter, Rebecca Chambers, Steven Chase, Marisa Cheek, Jeffery Clark, Harold Clifton, Jason Coman, Joseph Connolly, Ronnie Conrad, Javier Contreras, Charlotte Cook, Christopher Cruz, Angela Czumalowski, Michael Dalcoe,

Brenden Davis, Raymond Davis, Renee Deveaux, Edwin Domingo, Nathaniel Doran, Glenn Dumont, Camila Eckert, Lester Eckman, Edward Ector, Earl Edwards, Brain Elbode, Kimberly Farrell, Brian Field, Dennis Flanagan, Graig Flanagan, Edward Forgette, Antonio Frese, Kenneth Gestring, Salvatore Giampapa, David Gomez, Artemio Gragasin, Michael Green, Brian Grenier, Roger Grivno, John Guidry, Steven Guillen, Kevin Hale, Rex Hamada, Joma Hammonds, Valerie Hannah, Neely Jo Harrington, Gerald Harris, Shelly Haskett, Taurus Hawk, Jason Henderson, Victor Henriquez, Todd Hill, Brain Hilscher, Kenneth Hoffmaster, Erwin Holley, Thomas Hopkin, Christopher Houston, Jason Howland, Kip Hughes, Lee Ishikawa, Tony Jacobsmeier, Ira Johnson, Douglas Jones, Kristine Jones, Raymond Jure, Cyrus Kam, William Karganilla, Harry Keiber, Kent Keiser, Amy Kerbow, Brian Kessler, Ragan Kimbro, Shawn Kirkbride, Stephanie Knight, Brewster Knott, John Korzenko,

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Townsend, Kenneth Trask, Rebecca Turner, Scott Updike, Sabrina Vanderree, Tod Vanscoy, Jason Vaught, Martin Vera, Vicki Wilcox, Jamie Willemin, David Williamson, John Wray, Stephen Wyatt and Gary Young.

The Community College of the Air Force is a two-year institution that serves enlisted personnel. Accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the CCAF awards the Associates Degree in Applied Science upon successful completion of a degree program designed for an Air Force specialty.

The CCAF concept evolved in the early 1970s as a means of gaining accreditation and recognition for Air Force training in addition to enhancing the skills of noncommissioned officers as technicians, leaders, and citizens. Since it issued its first degree in 1977, the CCAF has grown both in numbers and respect. With more than 388,000 registered students, the college is the largest multi-campus community college in the world.

Team Hickam Reunion Tips

From your Family Readiness Program Staff

Editors Note: *Reunion is a time of adjustment after separation. The following tips will appear in the Kukini and are suggestions to help people prepare for a loved ones homecoming and their greatly anticipated reunion.*

Don't assume that your spouse immediately wants to give up those transferred responsibilities – Transition slowly and the rewards will be far greater than the initial assumption.

Team Hickam History AF's Most Historic Field

May 31, 1935 – The new airfield, now known as Hickam, was officially dedicated and named in honor of Lt. Col. Horace Meek Hickam, a distinguished aviation pioneer who was killed in an aircraft accident.

Note: 31 May 2005 will mark the official 70th anniversary of Hickam AFB, Hawaii.

June 1, 1948 – The Pacific Division, Air Transport Command, was redesignated Pacific Division, Military Air Transport Service. It operated the passenger and cargo terminal, constructed at Hickam in 1945.

June 1, 1949 – HQ Pacific Air Command was discontinued and its functions and responsibilities transferred to the Commander, Pacific Division, Military Air Transport Service (Vice Adm. William Tomlinson). Concurrent with this action, Hickam AFB was placed under the command of Col. Manning Tillery, Commander of the 1500th Air Transport Wing.

June 5, 1966 – The first nine holes of Hickam's 18-hole golf course adjacent to Fort Kamehameha were opened for play.

June 5, 2001 – 17th Weather Operations Squadron took over the 15th Operations Support Squadron weather mission.

Movies

Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m.
“*Hellboy*” – A demon, Hellboy, raised from infancy after being conjured by and rescued from the Nazis, grows up to become a defender against the forces of darkness. When Rasputin returns to plan the destruction of mankind, it’s up to Hellboy and his friends to stop him. Starring Ron Perlman and John Hurt. Rated PG-13 (for sci-fi action violence and frightening images).

Sunday at 7 p.m.
“*Walking Tall*” – After returning from serving his country overseas, Chris finds his high school rival, Jay, has infested his hometown with drugs and crime. With the help of his pal, Ray, Chris gets elected sheriff and shuts down Jay’s operations. His actions endanger his family and threaten

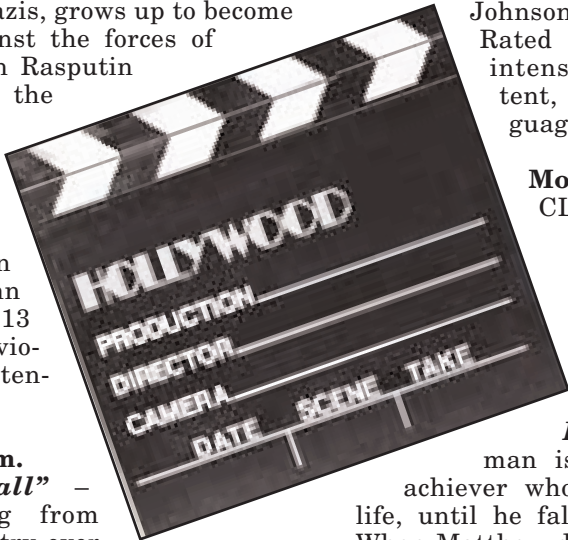
his own life, but Chris refuses to back down.

Starring Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson and Johnny Knoxville. Rated PG-13 (for sequences of intense violence, sexual content, drug material and language).

Monday and Tuesday
CLOSED

Wednesday
“*Walking Tall*” – See synopsis above

Thursday
“*The Girl Next Door*” - Matthew Kidman is a straight-arrow over-achiever who has never really lived life, until he falls for his new neighbor. When Matthew discovers this perfect “girl next door” is a one-time porn star, his sheltered existence begins to spin out of control. Starring Emile Hirsch and Elisha Cuthbert. Rated R (strong sexual content, language and some drug/alcohol use).



Chapel

Protestant

Nelles Chapel
Sunday contemporary service – 8:30 a.m.
Sunday Gospel Worship – 11:15 a.m.
Chapel Center
Sunday traditional – 8:30 a.m.

Catholic

Nelles Chapel
Saturday confessions – 4:15 p.m.
Saturday Mass – 5 p.m.
Chapel Center
Sunday Mass – 10 a.m.
Chapel Center
Sunday Mass - 10 a.m.

Jewish

Aloha Jewish Chapel, Pearl Harbor Aloha Chapel, 471-3971.

Orthodox

For more information, call 438-6687.

Islamic

Friday congregational service - 1 p.m.
Muslim Association of Hawaii, 947-6263.

Editors note: For more information on Base Chapel services or for prayer requests call the Chapel Center at 449-1754 or Nelles Chapel at 449-6562.



Hickam intramural softball league standings

Men's Monday - Wednesday			Men's Tuesday - Thursday			Women's	
1.	PACAF	13- 1	HIANG-A	15-1	HIANG	9-1	
2.	324th IS	10-4	735th AMS-A	13-2	15th CES/MSS	5-3	
3.	Chief GP	9-5	692nd IOG	10-7	PACAF	4-4	
4.	352nd IOS	9-5	502nd AOG	9-7	15th SVS/CSS	5-3	
5.	15th SVS	5-9	15th SFS	9-7	735th AMS	2-6	
6.	735th AMS-B	6-8	15th CES	8-9	15th MDG	2-6	
7.	15th CS	4-10	PACAF-CSS	7-8	352nd/692nd IOG	1-5	
Next week's 'Game of the Week'			HIANG-B	7-8	Standings current as of: May 25th		
735th AMS vs Chief GP, Monday, 6 p.m., Field 4			PACAF-RSS	1-14			



Sports Shorts

Calling all AF runners – PACAF is sponsoring five individual runners for this year's Air Force marathon Sept. 18 at Wright Patterson AFB. All Active duty, reservists and ANG are eligible to participate. Individuals will be selected based upon fastest times and be placed on permissive TDY status. Applications are due by June 11. For more event and application information please contact Jason Vandenberg at the Hickam Sports Office, 448-4640.

Golf league coming soon – Hickam intramural golf league will be starting June 7. All teams interested in participating must have a representative attend a coaches meeting at 10 a.m. on June 7 at the Hickam Fitness Center sports conference room. Leagues will start June 15 and run on Tuesdays and Wednesdays starting at 3 p.m. Call the sports office for more information at 448-4640.

Softball Championship – HASAC inter-service varsity softball championships will be held June 7 through 9 at the Hickam Softball Complex. Come out and support Air Force Hawaii's finest men and women's softball players compete against base teams from the Army, Navy, Marines and Coast Guard in the annual Hawaii armed Services Championship. Games start nightly at 5:30 p.m.

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After a wild throw, Yankees' pitcher Brian Herrera misses the relay as Cubs' runner Joey May slides over home plate.

Photos by Jerry Banks

Cubs defeat Yankees

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Munsey
Kukini Editor

In a scene that a nation of forlorn Cubbie fans can only hope plays itself out come World Series time, the Hickam Juniors League Cubs beat the Yankees 7-2 Saturday.

The Cubs scored early and often, getting two runs in the first inning. After reaching first on a fielder's choice, Dillon Wagner advanced to third on two wild pitches. Teammate Matt Wyatt reached on a walk, and a perfect double steal later the Cubs were on the board. J.C. Vale then laced a single into center field, bringing Wyatt around.

After hitting Yankees' lead-off hitter Ian Dreher with his second pitch of the game, Cubs' pitcher Matt Wyatt struck out the side, a feat he accomplished each of the first three innings.

The game evolved into a series of 'twos.' In the second inning, the Cubs lead off with two singles by Joey May and Steven Washram. Two wild pitches wrapped around two strikeouts brought both runners around for two runs, leaving the Cubs' up 4-0.

Matt Mullen started the Yanks' half of the inning with a bloop single, and advanced to second on a walk to teammate Adam Cruz. Wyatt struck out the next two before issuing another free pass, loading the bases. One wild pitch later, Mullen had crossed home plate, putting the Yankees on the board before Wyatt registered his sixth strikeout of the game.

The Cubs' Stephen Still started the third with a triple, scoring the team's only run of the inning on a ground-out by Tony Rivera.

Wyatt hit Yankees' first batter Taylor Hills

before striking out the next two in the lineup. After Eric Day reached first on a walk, Aaron Dilldine drove in Hills with a single. Wyatt walked Matthew Hughes, loading the bases before striking out Matt Mullen to end the inning.

For his three innings work, Wyatt struck out nine, walked four, hit two batsmen and allowed only one hit and two unearned runs.

T.J. Horak took over Yankees' pitching responsibilities in the fourth inning, and made light work, striking out the first two batters and forcing a ground out.

The Cubs' Vale took the mound in their half of the fourth, picking up right where Wyatt left off, issuing a walk before striking out the side.

The Cubs put two more runs up on the board in the fifth, and Vale again struck out the side to end the game 7-2.



A cloud of dirt in Cubs' catcher Dylan Wagner's mitt is evidence of a fastball that got past Yankee's batter Nathan Wallace in the second inning.



The throw just beats Cubs' runner Steven Washam to first base as Yankees' Aaron Dildine squeezes the ball into his glove.